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For : SERVER APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL  
TRANSMISSION CONTROL

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 17, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.